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SUBJECT: ENERGY-ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS: PERMAFROST
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REF: A) STATE 70087; B) MOSCOW 9535

FOR SCICOUNS

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BROWN-LOEBNER TELCON THAT, WHILE
SOVIETS RELUCTANT TO COMBINE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
PERMAFROST PIPELINE DELEGATIONS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR
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US TO RECEIVE TWO DELEGATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY AND THAT

THIS MIGHT ALSO SATISFY SOROKHIN'S INTEREST. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DUNNING TO ZAYTSEV, FROM SKOOG TO DENISOV, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV, HYDROMET, AND FROM EMBASSY TO SOROKHIN:

2. FERRIANS OF US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE IN ALASKA SEPT. 5-21 (OR, IF SOVIET SIDE PREFERS, OCT. 10-26) FOUR MAN SOVIET DELEGATION UNDER ENERGY AGREEMENT (TEMPORARY GROUP OF GAS EXPERTS) AND FOUR MAN SOVIET DELEGATION UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT (ACTIVITY B-1 PERMAFROST-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS POSED BY

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PIPELINES AND OTHER TRANSPORT SYSTEMS). ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE THEN FOR RETURN VISIT OR VISITS TO USSR. WE UNDERSTAND DR. MEL'NIKOV WILL LEAD SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL DELEGATION AND HOPE SOVIET ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS FROM MOSCOW (PERHAPS DR. GRAVE, INSTITUTE OF EARTH CRYOLOGY), YAKUTSK, NORILSK, AND MAGADAN WILL ALSO COME. FERRIANS, WHO WOULD HOST SOVDELS UNDER BOTH ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS, HAS TIME TO ESCORT TOTAL OF EIGHT SOVIET VISITORS IN ALASKA ONLY ONCE BEFORE END OF 1975. IF SOVIETS DESIRE TO SEND ONLY ONE DELEGATION (NOT COMBINED) REPRESENTING EITHER THE ENERGY OR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT ON EITHER OF THE PROPOSED DATES THAT WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE BUT IT WOULD NOT THEN BE POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE ANOTHER SOVDEL UNTIL 1976. INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION OF SOVIET DELEGATIONS AND ON PREFERRED DATES WOULD BE APPRECIATED ASAP.

3. IN TRANSMITTING FOREGOING EMBASSY CAN REMIND SOVIETS THAT OUR POSITIVE REACTION TO SOROKHIN'S EXCHANGE PROPOSAL WAS SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE OBJECTIVES, ITINERARIES AND TIMING, AND IN THIS REGARD SHOULD SEEK EARLY SOVIET CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF ITINERARY WE PROPOSED FOR OUR VISIT TO THE USSR.

4. FYI. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED LETTER REFERRED TO IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PARA 2 OF REFTTEL B AND FOREGOING IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT SOROKHIN'S INTERESTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN AN ITINERARY WHICH DOES NOT DIVERGE SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE OVERALL ITINERARY (REF A). END FYI. KISSINGER

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